

1-13-2026, 10am. Election Board Meeting Health Dept. Conference Room, 8th fl County Building.

Meeting called to order at 10am. 1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. No prior meeting minutes

3. New Business:

- a. CFA's: These are campaign finance reports that each candidate must complete. Trisha Carrico, Deputy Clerk of Elections, said many CFA's that have been submitted are on old forms. She asks party chairs to inform candidates to download the proper form from the Secretary of State's office and submit before the due date of 1/21/2026. She also said they (includes Trisha, Kim Riskovitch, and Chris Lyle, head voting machine tech) have called, left voice messages, and mailed the information to candidates who have submitted improper forms. Kim will get a list to the party chairs so they can follow up with candidates.
- b. IEC 22: Nothing mentioned about this topic
- c. Absentee Voting
 - i. Locations: Last time there were 42 sites in the primary and 41 sites in the general elections. Clay HS building WILL be a vote center. Warren School will NOT. They will call IBEW on Western to see if they would be willing to be a vote center. Also last year there were 4 additional sites (north south, east, and west locations) the weekend before the election. They plan to do this again this year. Someone reminded that having voting on the last 2 Saturdays and the last 2 Sundays is part of IN election code. Trisha has election resolutions to update from 2024 to 2026. She will give to Attorney Andrew Jones to prepare.
 - ii. Workers: They ask party chairs to provide name of folks to be absentee workers.

- d. Vote Center Locations: see above
- e. Complaint on Delegate Districts: This took the major part of the meeting.
Andy Rutten basically complained that IN Republican Party by-laws increased at-large districts from 3 to 12; he was not aware of any changes until he received an email 12/25/25 reporting there are no at large delegates (for the state Republican convention). Pete Agostino, counsel for party chair, Jackie Horvath, stated his legal assessment is that Rutten has "no standing" in this matter because he should have brought this complaint to the IN Republican party. This is a 1st amendment rule and Rutten did not follow party rules. Rutten believed he had 'standing' because he is a GOP member. Trisha stated the deadline for signing up to be a state delegate was 11/30/25, and if things are not clear to him, he should go back to the party and the Central Committee.

4. Old Business: None

5. Public Comment: The only public comment was mine: (*with appreciation to Cynthia for some wording*)
"Earlier this year, Mishawaka precinct borders were changed slightly so precinct and county lines match. This *logically* is a good idea. However, the public notice was insufficient. It was only in the Mishawaka paper ONCE, and without any context for the change. This notice did not include the subject of the meeting, nor a reference to locate the agenda. These items are too critical to good government to be overlooked. Items such as this – affecting the public - require printed public notice of an official Election Board meeting. I have been attending EB meetings for nearly 12 years and have NEVER seen any precinct changes made other than at an official Election Board meeting. I request ANY such changes, including the above precinct boundary changes, be *first* brought to the Election Board for approval in a public meeting; that public notice be published in all area papers on more than one occasion, with context; & fully listed on county website like any other public meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Claeys